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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6140

BILL NUMBER: SB 11

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 11, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student discipline.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bowser

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a school corporation's discipline rules are not required to provide for student suspension or expulsion when there are statutory grounds for those actions, unless the situation involves firearms. The bill provides that officials may take a variety of disciplinary actions instead of suspension or expulsion. The bill adds assignment to an extended day program to the list of disciplinary actions that may be taken in addition to or instead of suspension or expulsion.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: School corporations could require a minimal increase in administrative time and cost in implementing rules under the bill. If a school corporation were to start an extended day program as allowed under the bill, the school corporation could require additional expenditure in order to develop the program. The specific effects would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

Under current law, school corporations are required to establish written discipline rules and give general publicity to these rules within their respective schools.

Background: For the 2001-2002 school year, Indiana's average daily membership (ADM) consisted of 959,611

students, and public school enrollment totaled 995,507. Approximately 1,900 public schools were in operation within Indiana's 293 school corporations during that time.

The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions from school years 1997 through 2001. (Data for 2002 are not yet complete).

Suspensions and Expulsions for School Years 1997-2001		
YEAR	SUSPENSIONS	EXPULSIONS
2001	289,041	6,781
2000	293,934	7,313
1999	305,767	9,263
1998	302,593	10,229
1997	306,034	9,340

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: DOE ORACLE Data Tables and SAS Data Sets.

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